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SUBJECT: WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS VISIT TO AMCIT DETAINEE
SHAWKI OMAR

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[1](#)B. AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR INTERNET DISTRIBUTION.

[1](#)1. (SBU) In coordination with the Consular Section and CA/OCS, Pol-MilOff met on October 27th with detained American citizen Shawki Omar (aka "al-Ameriki") at the Baghdad Central Correctional Facility at Abu Ghraib. Mr. Omar, who had requested the visit, was in good health. Pol-MilOff passed a list of Iraqi lawyers, as he is likely to face criminal charges in Iraqi court. MNF-I will facilitate access to counsel when and if Mr. Omar is charged.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Mr. Omar signed a privacy waiver authorizing the Department to release information regarding his situation to members of his family, congress, the press, and the general public; this authorization has been passed to the Consul General at Post. He had no messages to pass at the time of interview.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Mr. Omar had no complaints about his current treatment; he did, however allege unspecified abuse at the point of capture and during initial interrogation by MNF-I and the FBI. Pol-MilOff passed this fact to MNF-I, which has previously investigated the same allegations and concluded that they are unfounded.

[1](#)4. (SBU) NOTE: American security internees in Iraq are not, in MNF-I's understanding, subject to consular visitation, as all are held by US forces. However MNF-I has offered Post assistance in making welfare-and-whereabouts visits to American citizens, and we will continue to do so whenever possible. END NOTE.
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